

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02527-TNM**

WESTERN VALUES PROJECT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
 THE INTERIOR  
 Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/21/2019  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/21/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6333480) filed by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Att'y General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Dep't of the Interior)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/21/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/26/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zsb) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 08/26/2019)

08/27/2019	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 08/27/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 08/27/2019)
09/19/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/27/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/26/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/3/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 9/3/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 09/19/2019)
09/26/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/26/2019)
09/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the schedule on or before October 25, 2019. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 09/27/19. (lctnm1) (Entered: 09/27/2019)
09/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 09/27/2019)
10/23/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further report on or before December 15, 2019, updating the Court regarding the processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the production of records, any agreements or issues between the parties, and a recommendation for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/23/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/15/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
12/16/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 12/16/2019)
12/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another report on or before January 22, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding the status of the parties' negotiations and include a proposed schedule going forward. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 12/16/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 12/16/2019)
12/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/22/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 12/16/2019)
01/22/2020	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/22/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before February 25, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding the status of the processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the production of records, any agreements or issues between the parties, and a recommendation for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 1/22/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/22/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/25/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 01/22/2020)

02/25/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 02/25/2020)
02/25/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before April 15, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding any agreements or issues between the parties, and shall recommend a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/25/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 02/25/2020)
02/25/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/15/2020. (tg) (Entered: 02/25/2020)
04/14/2020	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Darrell C. Valdez on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 04/14/2020)
04/15/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 04/15/2020)
04/16/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before June 1, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding any agreements or issues between the parties, and shall recommend a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/16/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
04/16/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/1/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
06/01/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 06/01/2020)
06/01/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before July 1, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding any agreements or issues between the parties, and shall recommend a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/1/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 06/01/2020)
06/02/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 06/02/2020)
07/01/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/01/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before August 3, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding any agreements or issues between the parties, and shall recommend a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/1/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/02/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/3/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 07/02/2020)